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REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is responsive to a final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003.

Claims 2-8, 11-15, 17-23, 25, 27-29, 31, 33-34, 36-49, 51-56, 58-70, 72-82, 84-90, and 92-100 are pending in the application. Claims 2-8, 11-15, 17-23, 25, 27-29, 31, 33-34, 36-49, 51-56, 58-70, 72-76, 78-82, 84-90, and 92-100 have been allowed. Applicant appreciates the allowance of these claims.

Claim 77 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite because claim 77 depends from a cancelled claim. Applicant has amended claim 77. This amendment is discussed in further detail below, and support for this amendment may be found in the specification and the original claims. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

I. Claim 77.

Claim 77 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite because claim 77 depends from a cancelled claim. Applicant has amended claim 77 to depend from independent claim 75. Applicant has further amended claim 77 to include "wherein said first information" as opposed to "wherein said information." Antecedent basis for "first information" can be found in claim 75. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 77, as amended, is allowable and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

II. Comments on Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), reasons for allowance are intended only as a supplement to the "record as a whole" when that record is not clear and shall not be treated as a substitute for the record or in a manner inconsistent with the record. Therefore Applicant accepts the Examiner's reasons only to the extent that they are consistent with the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's statement of reasons for the

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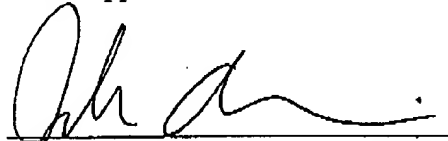
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indication of allowable subject matter, and does not accept any claim interpretation that is broader or narrower than that afforded by the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. No limitation or construction should be inferred from the Examiner's statement under rule 104(e). For example, the Examiner states, "With regards to each of independent claims 2, 12, 17, 27, 38, 58, 75, 89, and 97, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest to summarize; having two separate computers each having a display...,"¹ and none of the claims have the language "having two separate computers each having a display." Accordingly, no construction or limitation should be inferred from those words or other words in statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-8, 11-15, 17-23, 25, 27-29, 31, 33-34, 36-49, 51-56, 58-70, 72-82, 84-90, and 92-100 are allowable. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (336)-607-7311 to discuss any matter related to the application.

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¹ Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, page 2, paragraph 5.